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Modell Directs Cleveland Clinic Fund Program

When Art Modell agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1976, he had no reason to even think that seven years later he and his family would call upon the institution to save his life.

"I had just dropped Henry Kissinger at the Cleveland airport when I experienced some tightness in my chest and back," says the owner of the Cleveland Browns, recalling an incident eight years ago. "The pain came and went over a period of several days. That June (1983), I experienced a massive heart attack. Ten days later, I underwent a quadruple bypass operation. There were complications. Two days later, I had another operation to see what was going on. I spent seventeen days in intensive care.

"I can't say enough about the Clinic, its professionalism, its talented staff, and their skills. It's best exemplified by Dr. Floyd D. Loop, my surgeon."

Modell, who is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, was named president of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation this past



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Art Modell, owner and president of the Cleveland Browns (left), with his surgeon, Dr. Floyd D. Loop, chairman of the board of governors at the Cleveland Clinic, which is one of the country's top heart clinics.

April. He headed the 1989 search committee to select a chairman for the board of governors composed solely of physicians. His nominee, Loop, was chosen. Loop's credentials are impeccable, having performed more than 10,000 open heart surgeries since joining the staff at the Clinic in 1971. Loop performed a second bypass operation on Modell in 1990.

Modell is committed to ensuring that the Clinic moves vigorously into the next century. Since last summer, he has actively and successfully secured philanthropic support to raise \$30 million in an effort to open a Health Sciences Center, which is Phase One of a \$175 million campaign for the Cleveland Clinic. Remarkably, the research center will open in September of this year.